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Park Board Confirms Foundation Board Members

The Fairfax County Park Authority Board recently confirmed several members nominated for service on the Park Foundation Board of Directors. According to Foundation Executive Director Robert Brennan, "These individuals are coming to us or in some cases staying with us in order to help us take advantage of philanthropic opportunities to improve our parks. With the blessing of the Park Board we can move forward and look towards a wonderful year of accomplishment in 2006 and beyond."

Confirmed by the Fairfax County Park Authority Board were:

Jean Van Devanter White, president of The 123 Group, a public relations, marketing and fundraising firm. Ms. White is retired from service with Fairfax County Government where she served as the first executive director of the Park Foundation and as director of the public affairs for the county. She has received numerous awards for public information, crisis management, marketing, public relations and communications, and has served as an official for local government associations and community organizations. She is a graduate of Leadership Fairfax class of 1992 and resides in Fairfax Station, VA.

Paul Baldino is retired from service with Fairfax County Government where he served as the director of the Fairfax County Park Authority. Since 2002, he has been employed as a human resources analyst with Arlington County Government. He graduated from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia and served as a board member with Leadership Fairfax, as well as the Fairfax County Supplemental and Uniformed Employees Retirement Board. While with the Park Authority he established the Park Foundation. He resides in Falls Church, VA.

Jen Sterling is president and CEO of the branding firm Hinge Incorporated located in Reston, VA. This company, first established in 1992, specializes in the development and revitalization of brands for professional firms. Clients have included law firms, accounting firms, engineering firms and development and construction companies. Currently, the South Riding, VA resident serves on the Board of the Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce and is an advisor to the Board of the National Association of Women Business Owners, Northern Virginia Chapter.

Robert Howell is also retired from service with Fairfax County Government where he served as legal counsel and transactional lawyer for the Park Authority for over 25 years. During his tenure with the Fairfax County Attorney's Office, he contributed to the acquisition of more than 6,000 acres of parkland. He is currently associated with the law firm of Walton & Adams PC in Reston.

Other Board members include Bruce McLeod (Chairman), Chuck Veatch (Secretary), Robert Cochran, Laura Eakin Erlacher, Dr. Gerald Gordon, Craig Stevens, Stephen Thormahlen, Kathryn Ward and Kohann Whitney. The Foundation Board is appointed for terms of three years.

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The Fairfax County Park Foundation was founded in 2000 to respond to the growing and various needs of area residents – active professionals, families with children, elderly, fitness-minded, nature-lovers, history-buffs, low-income or wealthy, with or without disabilities or special needs – for parks and open spaces. The goal of the Fairfax County Park Foundation is to improve the quality of life for the residents of Fairfax County. They support the Bright Futures summer day camp scholarships for disadvantaged youth, Clemyjontri Park designed for children with physical disabilities, the Open Space Land Preservation fund for preserving the open spaces and parks in the county, the Trails fund to build and improve biking, hiking and strolling spaces, and other valuable projects. The Fairfax County Park Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization and donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

For more information about the Park Foundation call 703-324-8581.

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